

What is claimed is:

1. A pipe breaking device, comprising:
  - a base unit;
  - a retention feature located on the base unit;
  - a cable attachment portion located at a first end of the base unit; and
  - a number of pipe engaging elements wherein the pipe engaging elements are retained on the base unit by the retention feature, and wherein the number of pipe engaging elements are removable from the base unit and interchangeable.
2. The pipe breaking device of claim 1, wherein the base unit includes a round shaft with a first diameter, and the retention feature includes a shoulder portion having a diameter larger than the first diameter.
3. The pipe breaking device of claim 2, wherein the shoulder portion is located at a second end of the base unit, opposite the cable attachment location.
4. The pipe breaking device of claim 1, wherein the retention feature includes a threaded fastener that connects at least one of the number of pipe engaging elements to the base unit.
5. The pipe breaking device of claim 1, further including a pipe gripping device located at a second end of the base unit, opposite the cable attachment location.
6. The pipe breaking device of claim 5, wherein the pipe gripping device includes a wedge and at least one wedge mating portion.
7. The pipe breaking device of claim 1, wherein at least one of the number of pipe engaging elements includes an expander cone.

8. The pipe breaking device of claim 7, wherein at least one of the number of pipe engaging elements includes a cutting blade.
9. The pipe breaking device of claim 1, wherein the cable attachment portion includes a threaded portion adapted to mate with a corresponding threaded portion on the first end of the base unit.
10. The pipe breaking device of claim 9, wherein the cable attachment portion includes multiple segments adapted for assembly around a cable.
11. A pipe breaking device, comprising:  
a base unit;  
a retention feature located on the base unit;  
a threaded cable attachment portion located adapted to mate with a corresponding threaded portion on a first end of the base unit;  
a number of pipe engaging elements wherein the pipe engaging elements are retained on the base unit by the retention feature, and wherein the number of pipe engaging elements are removable from the base unit and interchangeable; and  
a pipe gripping device located at a second end of the base unit, opposite the cable attachment location.
12. The pipe breaking device of claim 11, wherein at least one of the number of pipe engaging elements includes an expander cone.
13. The pipe breaking device of claim 11, wherein at least one of the number of pipe engaging elements includes a cutting blade.
14. The pipe breaking device of claim 12, wherein at least one of the number of pipe engaging elements includes a cutting blade.

15. A method, comprising:  
coupling a cable to a first end of a pipe breaking device;  
pulling the pipe breaking device through a first section of pipe to burst the first section of pipe;  
removing a first pipe engaging element from a base unit of the pipe breaking device;  
installing a second pipe engaging element on the base unit; and  
pulling the pipe breaking device through a second section of pipe to burst the second section of pipe.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein coupling a cable to a first end of a pipe breaking device includes assembling a number of segments around the cable to form a threaded portion and mating the threaded portion with a corresponding threaded portion of the pipe breaking device.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein removing a first pipe engaging element includes removing a first expander cone of a first diameter and installing a second pipe engaging element on the base unit includes installing a second expander cone of a second diameter.

18. The method of claim 15, further including attaching a replacement pipe to a second end of the pipe breaking device and pulling the replacement pipe behind the pipe breaking device.